

HOME NEWS

Zaben, Ramadan discuss ways to strengthen ties

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Ways for coordinating cooperation between Iraq and Jordan in telecommunications and other related affairs were discussed at a meeting here Wednesday between Jordanian Communications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben and Iraqi Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan.

The two ministers reviewed joint transport and communications projects and current plans for improving telephone communications between the two countries.

Dr. Zaben, who is also board chairman of the Jordanian Telecommunications Corporation (TCC), voiced his admiration of Iraq's economic progress and development projects being implemented in the country in various fields.

He also praised "the strong Jordanian-Iraqi ties under the wise leadership of President Saddam Hussein and His Majesty King Hussein."

Mr. Ramadan said that Jordan and Iraq "have gone a long way" on the path of cooperation in the fields of transport and communications.

Mr. Ramadan, who is also a member of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, stressed the importance of increasing cooperation between Jordan and Iraq and exchanging visits by senior officials from both countries.

Bridge planned on old Amman-Jerash road

AMMAN (Petra) — A bridge is to be set up on the Zarqa River at a cost of JD 172,800 to help alleviate traffic congestion along the old Amman-Jerash road, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment.

UNEP team holds talks

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-member team from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) held talks here Wednesday with Mr. Anis McIusker, president of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), to review the society's activities in environment-related affairs.

The team is currently conducting an exploratory study prior to introducing environmental education in Jordan. Its members are touring a number of countries in the Middle East to offer advice on the subject to developing nations. UNEP was established in 1972 by the U.N. General Assembly following recommendations of the U.N. Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden.

JCO reviews plans for new firm to handle agricultural products

AMMAN (Petra) — Establishment of a company for marketing agricultural products was discussed at a meeting by the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) board under the chairmanship of Hisham Nabulsi. The company, to be owned jointly by the private and public sectors, will be entrusted with processing and marketing agricultural products, Mr. Nabulsi said.

A number of government-owned canning factories will constitute part of the government's capital in the projected company.

Ministry to hold Aqaba exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) — An exhibition of Jordan's national industries and traditional crafts, organized by the Ministry of Tourism, is scheduled to open in Aqaba Sunday. On display at the four-day exhibition will be national costumes, traditional cooking utensils, embroidery, earthenware and other traditional crafts produced by Aqaba District towns and schools from various governorates. The exhibition is intended to highlight these crafts and industries and present folk crafts to foreign tourists, according to a ministry spokesman. He said that the ministry will have a special wing at the exhibition for displaying antiquities, publications about Jordan's archaeological attractions and tourist sites.

"The Salzburg Seminar, a private, independent, non-profit organization, was established in 1947 by three Harvard University students with the aim of bringing young Europeans and Americans together after the World War II," Mr. Hull told the Jordan Times.

As the world became more independent, he added, the Salzburg seminar expanded to developing countries, especially to the Middle East.

The one, two or three-week sessions aim to group together qualified people and to exchange professional viewpoints and experiences on various international issues, Mr. Hall said.

Continuous sessions run annually from mid-January to mid-September, he added.

Jordanians sought for Salzburg seminar on international issues

By Afifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The assistant director of the Salzburg Seminar Organisation, Robert B. Hall, arrived in Amman Monday for a three-day visit to interview Jordanian applicants who wish to participate in the annual Salzburg seminar sessions.

Two to three participants are selected from each country and they are chosen on personal qualifications. "The selected participant should have an interest in a specific topic which is scheduled to run during the seminar," Mr. Hall clarified.

Participants come from various sectors including government offices, foreign institutions, research institutes and welfare organizations, Mr. Hall said.

The seminar is conducted at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria.

Governments of different countries, private institutions and individuals sponsor the seminar," Mr. Hall said.

He concluded that the number of Jordanian participants over the five past years was 15. "The Salzburg seminar is exciting for it brings together different nations of common interest."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Envoy presents credentials to Malaysia

ISLAMABAD (Petra) — Jordan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Hajj Hassan has presented his credentials to the King of Malaysia as Jordan's non-resident ambassador to Malaysia. In a speech at the presentation ceremony in Kuala Lumpur the Malaysian king voiced his interest in further cementing Jordanian-Malaysian ties.

Building banned near Ruseifa mines

ZARQA (Petra) — A plan prohibiting the establishment of houses or any other installations near the phosphate mines in Ruseifa has been endorsed by Zarqa District and Ruseifa Municipality. A spokesman for Ruseifa Municipality said that the land near the mines is unsuitable and unsafe for building and construction on it is also a considered encroachment on state property.

Ukrainian exhibition to open today

AMMAN (Petra) — An exhibition of graphic arts is scheduled to be opened Thursday at the Soviet Cultural Centre to display works by young artists from the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. The opening of the five-day exhibition will be attended by well-known Ukrainian artist Uri Robashov.

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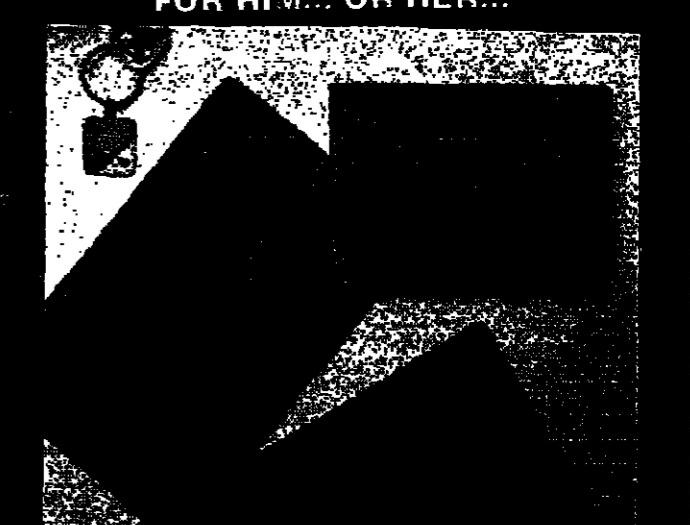
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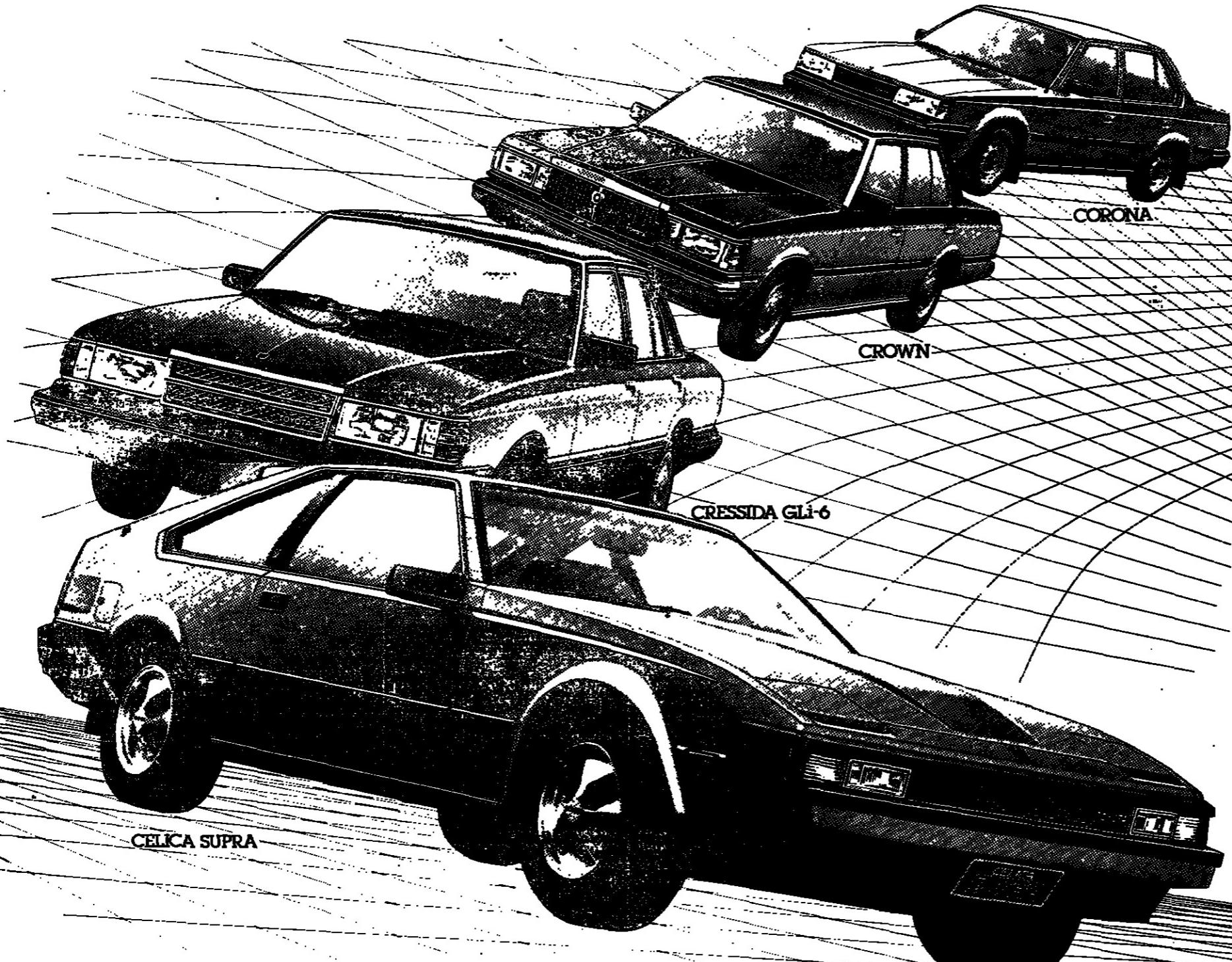
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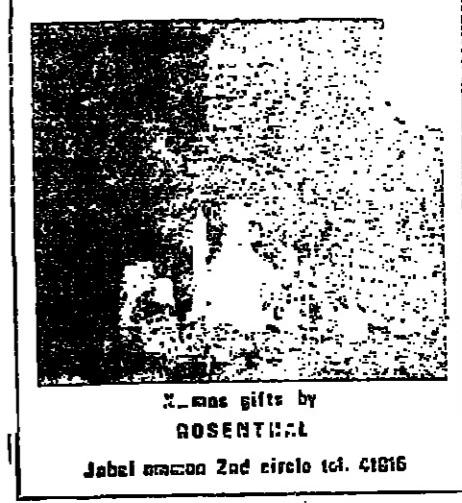
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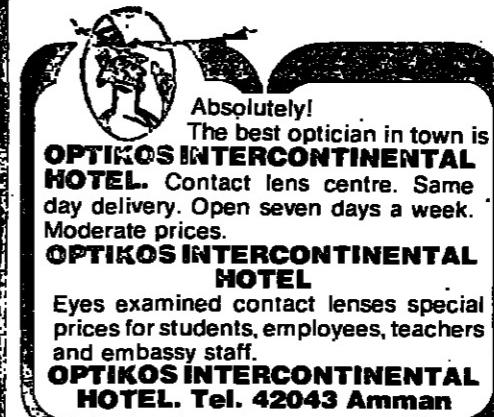
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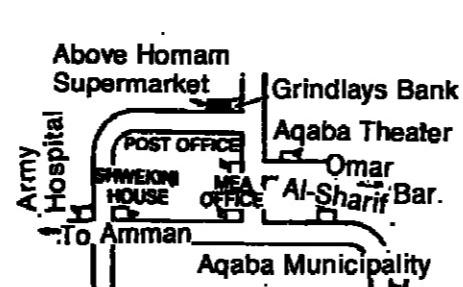
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Nine months after Israeli-appointed mayors take over in Ramallah and Al-Bireh...

Development abandoned in West Bank towns

By Sami al-Aboudi

WEST BANK — During the nine months they have been "in office," the military-appointed mayors of al-Bireh and Ramallah have not introduced any new development project, charge deposed city council members from the two cities. "They have even frozen some of the projects we had been working on, such as the extension of al-Bireh's sewage system," said Ibrahim Tawil of al-Bireh, the first elected mayor to be summarily dismissed by the Israeli authorities last March.

The sewage system is only one of several basic improvement and development projects initiated by the elected municipalities before their sacking by the Israelis last spring. Some projects were halted completely, others were cut back and partial work is underway on a third type. The appointed mayors were reported to have even sold some of the equipment owned by the municipalities.

When Ibrahim Tawil was forced out of office, municipal workers were halfway through the first stage of constructing the sewage system. Tawil said that this stage included laying sewage pipes in all neighbourhoods in the south side of the city. Completion had been scheduled for July and work was proceeding on time until March. City engineers were drawing up plans for the second stage at the same time and blue-print work for the northern (industrial) area was also completed. The work is now five months behind schedule and the Israeli-appointed military mayor is still working on the first stage.

A cursory look along the Jerusalem-Ramallah road as it approaches the southern city limits of al-Bireh shows municipal workers busy digging up the street, preparing to install sewage pipes. The appearance is that the municipality is active and concerned, as a recent Israel TV feature tried to convince viewers. However, on side streets along

both sides of the main road, things are different. Streets are open culverts and sewage pipes lay on the roadsides, but nobody is working nor has been for months.

The al-Bireh municipality completed the basic structure of a 5000-metre square school in 1981, at a cost of over JD 250,000, using donations collected from the al-Bireh diaspora communities in the U.S. and from Arab countries. The building was designed as a college branch for one of the West Bank universities and local educators say that the building is suitable only for that purpose. But the Israeli military mayor has announced plans to convert the college building into new quarters for the al-Hashimiyyah secondary school. In 1978, the school was operating at full capacity with an enrollment of 450 students.

However, following huge student demonstrations in March 1978 to protest the Israeli invasion of South Lebanon, the Israeli military authorities issued an order banning students from villages from studying in city schools. Village students scattered to neighbouring schools which had secondary classes, and the previously crowded al-Hashimiyyah school enrollment consequently dropped to nearly 200 students.

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The landmark roundabout known to every resident as simply al-Manara no longer stands in its place on the Ramallah-al-Bireh dividing line. Originally a water fountain monument, the circle was famous for the three, stone-carved lions which guarded the middle of a small pool. Water flowed from the pool through the lions' trunks and sprayed from the mouths of the lions. In 1966, a freak tornado destroyed the statues, and they were replaced by a simple stone column.

Tawil summed up the situation: "The Israeli authorities claimed, when they dismissed the legitimate mayors, that we were not doing our job. But the fact is that the projects we initiated, they are unable to finish."

In recent years, the elected Ramallah and al-Bireh municipalities were jointly planning to

renovate al-Manara and install the area's first traffic lights in order to organise the six streams of converging traffic. The blueprint, however, stayed in the closet after the Israeli authorities refused to approve the project.

Less than two months ago, the Israeli-appointed mayors gave orders to destroy the major circle and to build small islands instead. Many Ramallah and al-Bireh residents insist that renovation work could have been carried out without destroying the famous landmark, which had been preserved in the plans drawn up by the elected municipalities. The "new" Israeli mayor is using Israeli-made prefabricated cement blocks to replace the old and beautiful hand-cut stone blocks lining the side walks, thus pouring money into Israeli factories, while denying it to local Palestinian stone-cutters.

Among other major projects, frozen by the Israeli authorities during the term of the elected municipalities, was al-Bireh's new town hall. Tawil explained that because of budget approval delays by the military governorate, sometimes lasting months, the municipality feels compelled, says Mayor Tawil, to start needed projects without the Israeli authorities approval.

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Those renting municipal-owned offices or shops complain that there is no maintenance work being carried out in their buildings, other al-Bireh residents complain that their requests for construction permits are routed to the West Bank zoning department, rather than being approved locally by the municipality, which is the body legally responsible.

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Under the new legislation, employers who do not respect sexual equality measures will face prison terms of two months to two years and/or a fine of 2,000 to 20,000 francs (\$300 to 3,000).
-- Al Fajr (down) -- Palestinian weekly



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France votes equality for women

By Mary Ellen Bortin

Reuter

PARIS — The French parliament has overwhelmingly approved a new bill aimed at reducing sexual discrimination against working women.

Women, currently 40 per cent of the French workforce, still earn only two-thirds of a man's salary for equal work. France's outspoken Minister for Women's Rights, Yvette Roudy, told the National Assembly during debate on the bill last week.

The "second sex" also faces greater obstacles in moving up the professional ladder, she said, with the elite positions reserved for men. In the National Assembly, for example, only 25 of the 491 deputies are women.

Temporary measures favouring women in order to help them catch up with men professionally are authorised, however, and experience may henceforth be considered the equivalent of a diploma in order to bridge educational gaps between the sexes.

The bill also abolishes a clause in the 1972 legislation under which employers could justify discriminatory hiring or firing practices by citing "legitimate motives."

In future it will be up to the employer, and not the employee, to "prove there is no discrimination."

The new bill bars any mention of sexual category or family status in job advertisements, except in jobs where the sex of the employee is "the determining factor".

The Council of State, the state body which advises on legislation, is to draw up a list of such positions, which will be revised periodically.

The bill also makes any preferential treatment on the basis of an employee's sex illegal, except in the case of maternity benefits, which in France include four months' paid maternity leave.

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But the Socialists successfully contested this on the grounds that it would diminish the effects of

previous legislation such as "parental leave". This measure authorises either the mother or father to take up to two years unpaid leave after the birth of a child with the guarantee of returning to his or her job.

Since the adoption of the sex equality bill this week, feminists have voiced concern that it did not go far enough.

Pointing to a "recommendation" that employers draw up "equality plans" for their enterprises, a spokeswoman for a feminist group said the only way to bring women up to par with men was to make such plans mandatory.

The Communist-led CGT trade union federation also criticised the legislation for its silence on "female ghettos" such as the food and textile industries, where women are the vast majority of the employees and are paid the minimum wage.

But a spokesman for the Women's Rights Ministry said the law could not cover every aspect of work inequality.

"This law provides the means," he said, "hopefully employees will use it."

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India, Pakistan enter second test today

KARACHI, Pakistan (A.P.) — The Indian and Pakistani cricket teams on Thursday will enter the second test of the six-test series with determination of getting a favourable result during the next five days.

The Pakistani skipper Imran Khan has predicted that there would be a result in the match. He has based his opinion on the nature of the wicket at Karachi and described it as bouncy with chances of supporting spinners in the later stages of the match.

The Indian team manager, Fateh Singh Gaekwad, said his team would take the field with a will to get a favourable decision for his side.

Both the teams have withheld announcing the final line up for the match till Thursday morning. But the Pakistan side has bared its fourteen for the match who are not different from the first test list.

The officials of both the teams have read the Karachi wicket as "bouncy" to help the speed merchants in the early stages of the match and later supporting the spinners. It appears that in the second test, the winning of the toss will be crucial for either side.

The last encounter between India and Pakistan at Karachi in 1978-1979 was a thriller won by Pakistan during the captaincy of Mushtaq Mohammad.

Navratilova named world's top

NEW YORK (R) — Martina Navratilova, who beat Chris Evert Lloyd in the final of the 1982 Women's Tennis Circuit Championship two days ago, was Wednesday named world's top ranking women's player by a U.S. tennis magazine.

Czechoslovak-born Navratilova, number one in the "Tennis Magazine" rankings in 1979, displaced fellow American Lloyd who held the top ranking for the last two years.

Lloyd is now second, followed by Andrea Jaeger, Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, Tracy Austin, Bettina Bunge, Pam Shriver, Barbara Potter, Sylvia Hanika of West Germany and Wendy Turnbull of Australia.

Soviet Dasayev: Best undisputed goalie

MOSCOW (R) — Zico or Maradona, Rossi or Rumenigge... each has his backers for the title of the world's greatest soccer player.

But there are few such arguments about the goalkeeping spot, for there can be no better exponent of the art than Soviet giant Renat Dasayev.

Dasayev was one of the outstanding personalities of the World Cup in Spain this summer and is well on his way to taking his place in football's Hall of Fame, shoulder-to-shoulder with legendary compatriot Lev Yushin.

The 25-year-old Spartak Moscow star became the hero of the Soviet Union with one astonishing save during the vital first round match against Scotland in Malaga. Scottish striker Joe Jordan met

a cross from the right flush on his forehead and flushed a bullet header goalward. The ball looked certain to sneak in at the post when Dasayev propelled himself across the goal like a torpedo to turn it away for a corner. Few in the stadium that night could believe their eyes.

But Dasayev will look back on the Soviet season which has just ended with mixed feelings.

Despite his expertise, the Soviet Union failed to get past the second round in the World Cup while Spartak could only finish third in the League and went out of the UEFA Cup at the hands of Valencia of Spain.

As a child, Dasayev did not particularly want to be a goalkeeper.

He was small for his age and played in most outfield positions before finding himself between the posts.

One of the most influential figures in his career has undoubtedly been Yushin who used to advise him at the start of every game before reported ill-health took its toll.

And Dasayev received the greatest compliment of his career when, at the end of the World Cup, Pele paid tribute by describing him as "a worthy successor to the great Lev Yushin".

And like Yushin, Dasayev says his dream is to continue to the age of 40—good news for the Soviet Union but bad news for strikers. Club manager and for net-

national team boss Konstantin Beskov has also been important in Dasayev's development.

Dasayev was the first player Beskov signed when he took over at Spartak and the goalkeeper admits his boss has "played the most important role".

But the two will no longer be together on international duty.

Beskov was strongly criticized in the Soviet press after the World Cup "failure" and shortly after was replaced by Valery Lobanovsky.

But Dasayev remains a firm fan of his club manager. "Beskov has very distinct ideas about how football ought to be played. He knows exactly what he wants from every player and from the team as a

whole," said the goalkeeper.

Apart from his rare talent, Dasayev has earned a host of admirers for his sportsmanship. He seldom makes mistakes but when he is at fault he never seeks to pass the blame to his defenders.

When asked about other players whose conduct is not exemplary, Dasayev said: "It's the players and football which suffer... we should play football and try to score points."

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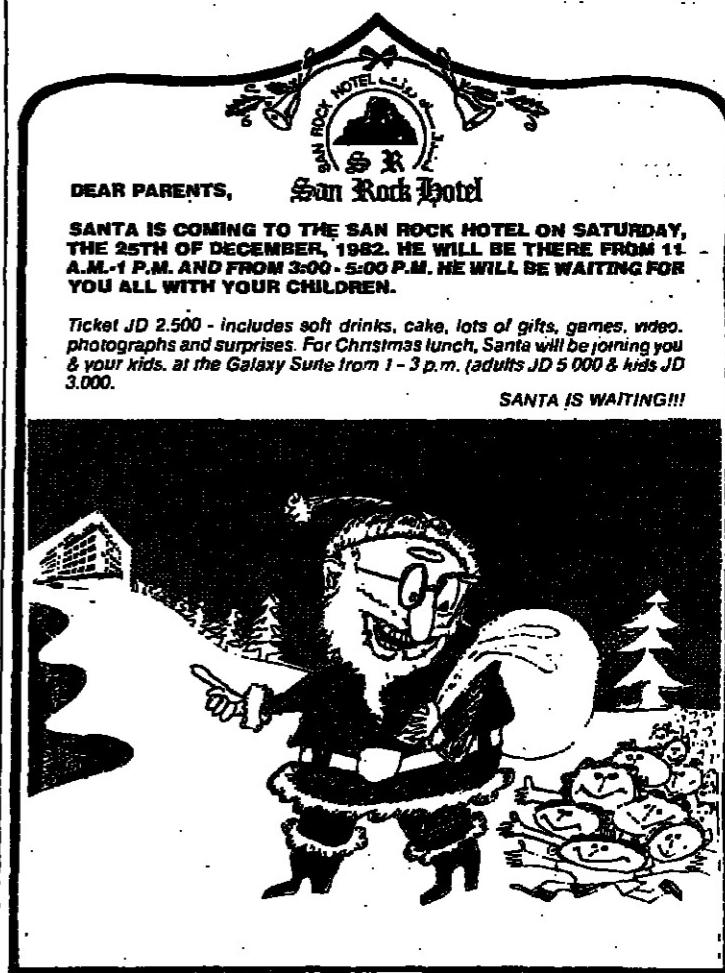
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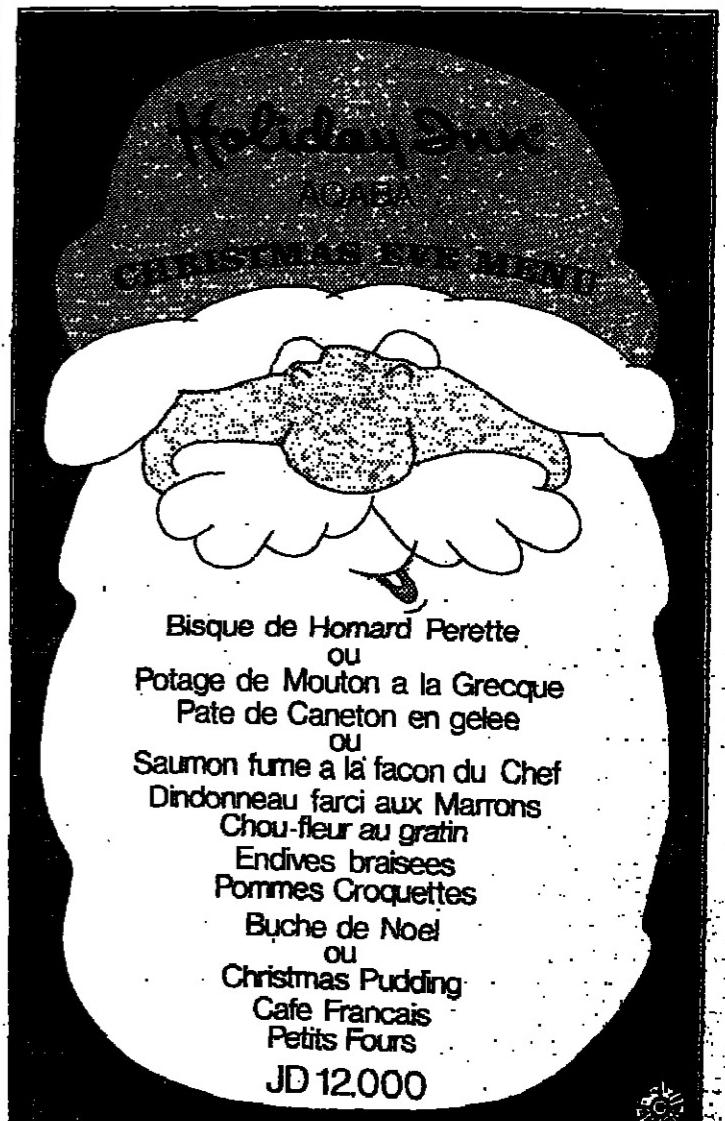
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Exclusive stores report good Xmas season

LONDON (R) — With the world still in the cold grip of recession, shops in most countries are reporting less than sparkling sales this Christmas as customers become more price-conscious.

In Britain, where cheaper and more available credit has sent shoppers on a buying spree, most storekeepers around the world will be happy to see any increase in sales over last year's levels, according to a Reuter survey.

The picture is particularly gloomy in West Germany, where rising unemployment and deepening recession have begun to be reflected in the level of sales.

In the United States, where more people are out of work than at any time since the World War II, sales have also been very sluggish.

But the survey also shows that the rich are still prepared to spend their money and some of the more select stores in London, Paris and New York are doing good business.

A spokesman for Harrods of London said it is "one of the best Christmases we have had for years." Shoppers in Britain's most exclusive store were snapping up champagne-flavoured toothpaste and gold-plated toothbrushes.

Tiffany's of New York said sales at the famous jewellery store were up substantially, and the economic crisis does not appear to have affected business at the Fauchon, the exclusive Parisian food store.

A spokeswoman for the shop said that first estimates showed that turnover increased by 17 per cent in November and December compared with last year.

There is also good news for children, both young and old, as sales of video games worldwide are buoyant against the general trend of slow business.

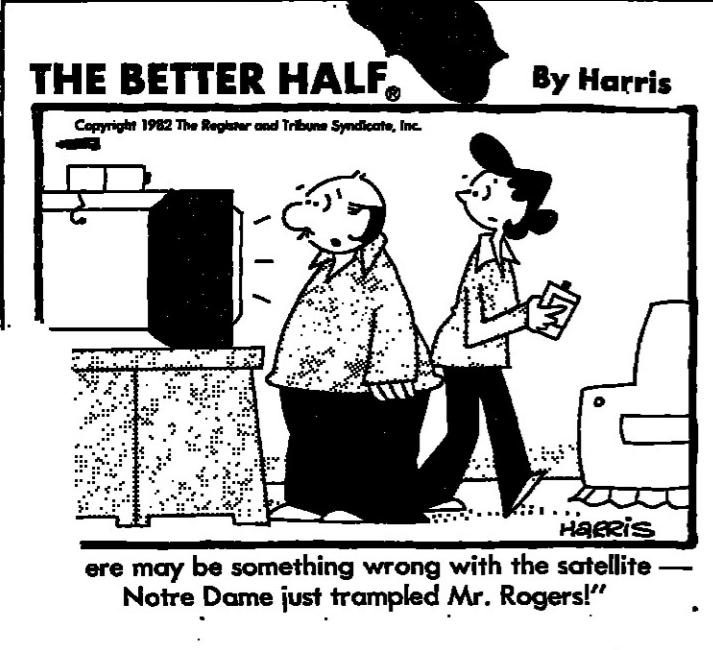
In West Germany, shops have stayed open longer to try to attract more customers in the pre-Christmas period, but sales have remained slow and bad weather

Switzerland publishes draft of banking law

BERNE (R) — A new draft law which would erode Swiss banking secrecy was published by the government Wednesday.

It would revise the Swiss banking law so that an infringement of secrecy which resulted from negligence rather than premeditated intent would no longer be a crime.

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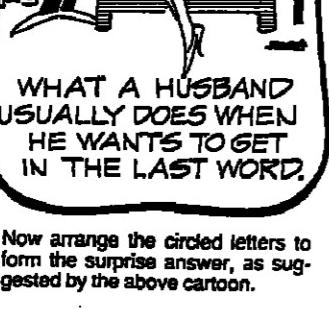
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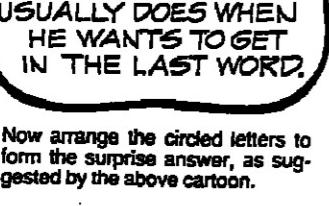
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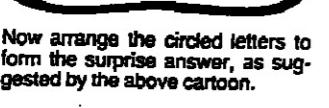
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Answer: They come up boiling—BUBBLES

OECD foresees no end to global recession

PARIS (R) — The Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) foresees no end to the global recession and forecast unemployment in its 24 member countries will rise to a record of nearly 35 million.

In its bleakest forecast for years, the OECD said the recession had been unexpectedly severe and prolonged and the recovery in economic growth has been repeatedly postponed.

"There is little evidence to suggest that this mood of pessimism will dissipate soon. A lengthy period of subdued spending, particularly in respect of fixed investment, now seems likely in nearly all countries," it said in an economic outlook.

The OECD, which groups the 24 major non-communist economies, said the United States may begin a recovery early next year but it admitted that there is some evidence of this so far.

The only bright spot in the report said inflation continues to fall more rapidly than expected and is now at its lowest for almost 10 years.

Retailers report that the largest selling items in the pre-Christmas period are durable goods, personal computers and video games.

But in Britain, the John Lewis partnership, a big department store chain, reported sales up 26 per cent in the second week of December over the same period last year.

And a spokesman for Selfridges, in London's bustling Oxford Street, said a major factor in the boom had been the recent cut in mortgage interest rates.

After a late start, stores in Paris reported they were being besieged by last minute customers, indicating that business was at least holding its own compared with last year.

All stores pointed to an unprecedented rush for pocket-sized electronic games.

Swiss Christmas shoppers are more price-conscious this year with unemployment at a four-year high, but overall spending is likely to match or top last year's department store managers say.

In Latin America, Christmas sales are down from last year, as wages have failed to keep pace with inflation.

years.

But it said that the price paid for overcoming inflation could have been too high in terms of prolonged recession and record unemployment.

It said the effect of generally restrictive policies may have been greater than intended by governments which underestimated the international repercussions of their simultaneous tight money policies.

Reducing inflation has put mounting strain on the international financial system.

The OECD said it only recently became clear how much damage high interest rates have caused to large debtor countries but added that the most disturbing long-term feature of the outlook is the revival of protectionism in a variety of forms.

The report said the rise in unemployment over the last three years has been severe and in Europe it has seemed inexorable. It forecast that by mid-1984 almost 35 million people, or 9.5 per cent of the OECD labour force, would

be without a job.

This new post World War II record compares with only 24.7 million unemployed in 1981, 30.25 million at the end of this year and a predicted 33.75 million by end-1983.

In a sharp downward revision of earlier growth forecasts the OECD said real Gross National Product (GNP) in its area will fall 0.5 per cent this year after a 1.2 per cent rise in 1981.

Next year growth should rise 1.5 per cent before increasing at an annual rate of 2.75 per cent in the first half of 1984.

Unemployment and growth prospects are worst in Europe and the OECD warned: "The longer slow growth continues in Europe the greater the risk that it will become self-perpetuating."

GNP growth in Europe will rise to only 1.5 or two per cent at best by mid-1984 after falling one per cent in the second half of 1982 while European unemployment may rise by nearly one million every six months to 19.5 million by mid-1984 and prospects may not

improve after then.

Continuing low sales by industry will make it extremely difficult to revitalise ailing companies and encourage them to invest enough money to cut back unemployment significantly.

In these circumstances the OECD said considerable uncertainty remains on how to interpret present policies and what policies governments should follow in the future.

Inflation in the 24 OECD countries last October dropped to its lowest level since early 1973 at an average 7.2 per cent, a sharp drop from the 13 per cent high recorded in 1980 after the second oil price shock.

The report forecast further improvements, with the average inflation rate dropping to 6.75 per cent next year and to 6.5 per cent in the first six months of 1984.

But it said the forecasts could be affected by key commodity prices, which are certain to rise if there is a sustained recovery, and it noted that the medium-term outlook for oil prices is uncertain.

Prices of U.S. products have become less competitive, demand in the domestic U.S. market has improved strongly and growth in U.S. export markets has been low, the OECD said.

Softening oil prices and falling oil export volumes had wiped out the huge current account surplus of the 13 countries of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) by the first half of 1984.

The OECD said the current account deficits are larger than those forecast in its previous economic outlook last July mainly because the continuing recession has forced non-OPEC countries to cut their imports.

It added that the large current account deficit of developing countries outside OPEC should fall steadily to \$65 billion this year and to \$51 billion next year from the \$75 billion shortfall in 1981, mainly due to lower imports.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Be prepared to adopt new policies that can operate to your advantage. A day to show your magnetism and gain your true aims. New beginnings can work to your advantage.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Engage in worthwhile activities during spare time but don't spend money foolishly. New ideas can be profitable.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be alert to new opportunities that could arise at this time. Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Discuss future plans with associates. Obtain the information you need from the right sources. Express happiness.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make those changes that will bring you financial benefits in the days ahead. Follow the advice of an expert.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Come to a better accord with associates. Be sure to keep promise made to a business person. Think constructively.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be sure to meet the expectations of associates and avoid possible trouble. Make plans to have more abundance in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make sure your home and environment are spruced up for the holidays ahead. Don't postpone regular routines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Engage in civic work now and add to present prestige. Show more devotion to family. Show others you have wisdom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Sidestep a higher-up who may be in an irate mood and is seeking a scapegoat. Be logical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study new outlets through which you can make the future much brighter for yourself. Follow your hunches now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have to change your attitude with others if you are to get the right results at this time. Use care in travel.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 24, 1982

Christmas Eve — MERRY CHRISTMAS

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day and evening when you will have many opportunities to prove that you follow the doctrines of the Prince of Peace or whatever your school of thought and philosophy of life happens to be.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Handle important routines early in the day for best results. Be sure to take the treatments you need to improve your health.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Handle an outside affair of importance instead of wasting time on a private matter and advance in your line of endeavor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Avoid friends during the daytime and go after your practical affairs wisely. Know better what your goals are.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Don't give others an opportunity for criticism.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study your true financial status and know how to invest wisely in the future. Join in activities that are to your liking.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Use your best judgment during the day, since your hunches could be wrong. Express happiness with others tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A friend could have some ideas that are radical, so listen but do not commit yourself. Show generosity of spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Complete your work early and be sure to wish co-workers a happy holiday. Get into the spirit of things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Accept invitations that come up unexpectedly since they could be just right for you. Be happy, contented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to please family members in every way today and make sure you do so quietly and in the right spirit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take time for any last-minute shopping you have to do. Analyze your life and plan how to improve it while having a good time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Take care you are not too extravagant today. Discuss with close ties how to become more successful in the future.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she should be given little duties to perform early in life and taught to complete them in order to form the good work habit. Direct education along lines of research for best results. Don't neglect spiritual training.

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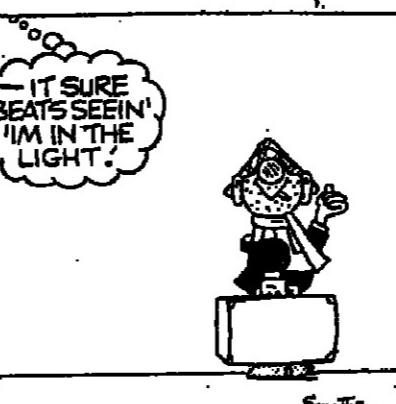
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Jeff in love

WORLD

Sino-Soviet talks will probably begin after Chinese New Year

PEKING (R) — The next round of talks between China and the Soviet Union on improving their relations will not take place until after the Chinese New Year in mid-February, a senior Chinese official said Wednesday night.

This would mean that the Sino-Soviet consultations, due to be held in Moscow, would not resume until after a planned visit to Peking by American Secretary of State George Shultz.

The official, who declined to be identified, told reporters there would not be sufficient time between Jan. 1 and China's lunar New Year holiday starting on Feb. 13 to hold the next round.

Informed sources said Mr. Shultz's visit, his first trip to China since he took over from Gen. Alexander Haig in July, would take place from Feb. 2 to 6.

Chinese officials have said that the timing of the Sino-Soviet discussions and Mr. Shultz's visit are entirely unconnected.

Former Foreign Minister Huang Hua and an Inner Mongolian vice-chairman of China's National People's Congress, Ulanhu, attended a reception at the Soviet embassy Wednesday night to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union.

Western diplomats said although their status was fairly high in

protocol terms, the presence of Mr. Huang and Mr. Ulanhu was not overly significant politically.

Mr. Huang, whose formal title now is state councillor, was replaced as foreign minister last month, apparently for health reasons, shortly after returning from the Soviet Union where he had attended the funeral of Leonid Brezhnev.

He said on his return that he was optimistic that future Sino-Soviet talks would bring improved relations, but Chinese leaders have said the Kremlin must take concrete action towards removing three major obstacles before relations can improve.

These are the presence of over one million troops along the Sino-Soviet and Sino-Mongolian borders, the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and its support for Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea.

China denies that it is playing off one superpower against the other.

The official press has denounced as untrue theories that it is now playing a "Soviet card" against Washington while before it played an "American card" against Moscow, and has said Peking will never permit anyone to play a "China card" either.

Inquest verdict arouses storm in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — A storm of protest gathered strength in South Africa Wednesday over an inquest decision that nobody could be held responsible for the death of union organiser Neil Aggett, found hanged in his cell earlier this year.

The Federation of South African Trade Unions (FOSATU) said it was shocked at the verdict on Dr. Aggett, a 28-year-old organiser for the mainly black African Food and Canning Workers Union who became the first white to die in security police detention.

A pressure group of relatives of those held under South Africa's tough anti-terrorism laws, the Detainees' Parents Support Committee (DPSC), expressed astonishment at Tuesday's verdict which they said left them "stunned" by its one-sidedness.

"We fear for the lives of detainees," the DPSC said.

The opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) called for a commission of judges to investigate deaths in detention. But a PSP spokesman said the government was unlikely to comply with the demand because "it has purposefully, deliberately and

methodically removed from the judges the power to inquire into detentions."

At the end of the Marathon inquest, magistrate Petrus Kotze ruled that nobody, including the policemen who guarded Dr. Aggett, could be held responsible for his suicide last Feb. 5.

The opposition newspaper The Rand Daily Mail said most people would greet the total exoneration of the security police with disbelief.

Referring to black consciousness leader Steve Biko, whose death in detention five

years ago aroused world attention, The Mail asked:

"What happened after Biko? Much hand-wringing among ardent supporters of our security legislation and many assurances from cabinet ministers and police officers."

"Yet deaths continue. And after Aggett?"

Lawyers for Dr. Aggett's family have argued throughout the inquest, that methods used by the security police during his interrogation drove him to hang himself.

Tanaka denies taking \$2m bribe from Lockheed

TOKYO (R) — Former Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka was questioned in court Wednesday for only the second time since his trial in connection with the Lockheed bribery scandal began in Jan. 1977.

Mr. Tanaka, 64, tearfully pleaded not guilty to bribery charges when the trial of 16 defendants started and he repeated the denial Wednesday under questioning

from the presiding judge, a court official said.

"As a politician I never, under any pretext, received any money from a foreign firm," said Mr. Tanaka, who wields vast influence on the government of Prime Minister Yashiro Nakasone.

He is charged with taking a 500 million yen (\$2 million) bribe from the U.S. Lockheed Aircraft Corporation through its then Japanese agent, Marubeni Trading House, while he was prime minister.

"Never," Mr. Tanaka replied Wednesday when the judge asked him if the then president of Marubeni, Hiro Hiyama, asked him at his home on Aug. 23, 1973, to help to promote sales of Lockheed aircraft to All Nippon Airways in return for the money.

"If Mr. Hiyama had ever made such remarks, I would have ordered him to get out of the room immediately."

Arson may have caused Kenyan fuel depot fire

NAIROBI (R) — A huge fire broke out at Kenya's main petroleum depot in Nairobi early Wednesday in the midst of a serious fuel shortage, and a government spokesman said sabotage could not be ruled out.

Officials at the depot, which stores fuel received by pipeline from a refinery at Mombasa, on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast, said the fire engulfed two tanks containing six million litres of petrol.

Firemen fought through the night to stop the blaze spreading to 10 adjacent tanks. By mid-afternoon the fire had died down considerably but still sent huge plumes of smoke over the capital.

The official Kenya news agency said there was no information on any loss of life.

John Keen, an assistant minister in the office of President Daniel arap Moi, told Reuters that "sabotage cannot be ruled out" but declined to speculate as to what motive saboteurs might have.

For the past two weeks Kenya

has suffered a serious fuel shortage which the government has blamed on poor distribution. The crisis has led to long queues at filling stations for scarce diesel, cooking gas and kerosene.

Mr. Keen said that the fire meant that the government-run pipeline, which pumps all fuel products along the 480-kilometres from the refinery to the depot, would be temporarily closed.

"It is not functioning. As from this evening we will be bringing fuel up from Mombasa by tanker lorries. There should be no problem as we have a lot of petrol there," he said.

Oil industry sources said the tanks contained three days petrol supply for Kenya and neighbours which depend upon Kenya for all fuel imports — Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda.

The Kenya news agency estimated the damage caused by the blaze at 100 million shillings (\$10 million).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sofia puts 2 Italians on trial

VIENNA (R) — Two Italians arrested in August for photographing military sites in Bulgaria went on trial in Sofia Wednesday, the official Bulgarian news agency BTA reported. An earlier report by the agency said Paolo Ferretti, 34, and Gabriela Trevisin, 26, were caught in the act. Films with pictures of military installations were found on them, BTA said. The trial was adjourned after the court granted the defendants' request for witnesses in Italy to be examined, the agency said. Italian lawyer Rudolfo Lenzi and Italian diplomat Alessandro Pietro-Manci were admitted to Wednesday's hearing, as well as Italian journalists accredited in Sofia.

76 Argentine deseperados identified

Buenos Aires (R) — Argentine newspapers have published a list identifying 76 bodies found buried in unmarked graves in Buenos Aires' main Chacarita cemetery. The list, made available to the press by investigating judge Raúl Hector Pierini, was the first published in a series of investigations in 13 cemeteries in several Argentine cities. The judge said he was making the list available for the information of relatives of people hitherto considered missing.

British study reveals child labour

LONDON (R) — London has a huge hidden workforce of children whose employers are flouting child labour laws, a pressure group study reported Wednesday. A sample of 1,000 working youngsters found that eight out of 10 were employed for illegal hours, in prohibited jobs or under the legal minimum age of 13, the survey said. Up to one-third of schoolchildren in the capital aged 11 to 15 have part-time jobs, the group said. The study was carried out by the Low Pay Research Unit, an independent body which campaigns to improve conditions in some of the darker corners of Britain's economy. A child's working hours and school time together often add to more hours than the work week of the average manual workers, the unit said. Urging the government to enforce existing laws, the unit said that employers were using the children as cheap labour, reducing the number of jobs available for full-time workers.

Crack team to guard French president

PARIS (R) — A crack new security force of 40 to 50 paramilitary gendarmes in charge of President François Mitterrand's security will become operative early next year, officials said Tuesday. Though French police unions charged that replacing civilians with paramilitaries violated the republican nature of French institutions, a presidential spokeswoman stressed that the new squad would strengthen the existing civilian security team, not replace it. The French press has said that Mr. Mitterrand's relaxed style had heightened presidential security problems since he took office last year.

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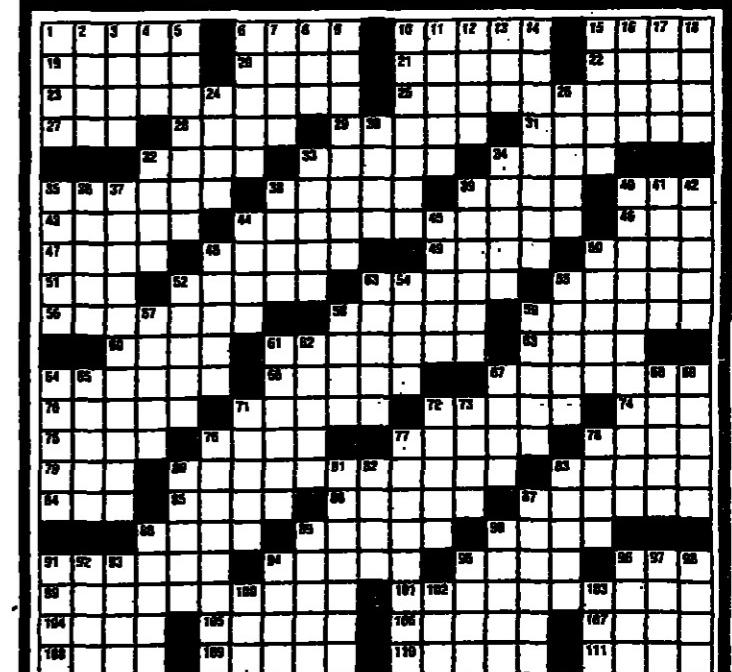
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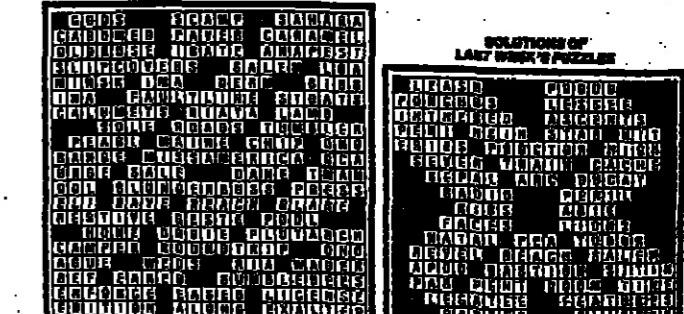
1. KFOIR KTFN ROEONT THATEND STET DVE-AUDTY ON VZTHATINTY DRUFF QG DLOPF.

—By Lois H. Jones

2. EUIL MAILPERSO NSLLSEI PBS FSNO FUILPQS MALHN RUILPQS OMS HI RPHO. —By Boba Dow

3. EGJLP GEPGXHE DAQP AQP BGYBXUD EA YXUL BXJPLHD. —By Earl Ireland

4. DRAECLA UA MUSERM HÖRSE MUSEN RM DLSELNN LH NEMGÖCLOEGH. —By Edmund A. Hodder



SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES

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